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## Prepsters Journey To Rye On John A. Meseck, May 28

The John A. Meseck will play host to 1600 St. John's Prepsters and their dates on the much awaited annual boatride. This last social event of the year will get under way promptly at 9:30 A.M., Thursday, May 28. The Wilson Liner will leave from Battery Park Seawall, Manhattan.

## McGrath Cops K. of C. Oratorical Contest

Senior Joe McGrath, member of the Prep Speech Club, won the New York City Championship of the annual Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest, Sunday, April 26. Having successfully finished first in two elimination contests, McGrath competed against nine others in this final round. The contest was held at the Long Island City Council.

McGrath won a trophy and \$1200 for a scholarship for delivering a four minute speech on "The Catholic Contribution to New York State."

In his speech, McGrath stressed the desire of Catholics to be good citizens, and showed the contribution of Catholic education.

As a result of winning the contest, McGrath will now take part in the state-wide competition. On the weekend of May 22, McGrath will travel to Niagara Falls, where he will try his skills against the other winners throughout the state. If he places in this trial, McGrath will be eligible for another \$1200 scholarship, an \$800 one or a \$400 one.

Last year McGrath won a C.Y.O. singing contest.

St. Bartholomew's Girls High School, the freshman-sophomore annex of Bishop McDonnell, will accompany the Prep on the trip.

On board, music will be available for those wishing to dance. As in past years also, refreshments will be sold for the convenience of the voyagers.

Upon arrival at Rye Beach, seniors and faculty will tangle in the annual softball game. Teams have not yet been chosen, but a good, competitive game is certainly in the offing.

After the softball game, spectators and players will disperse to the amusement park, where they will try their skills and daring at the various games and rides.

The John A. Meseck will leave Rye Beach between 5 and 5:30 P.M., and arrive at Battery Park about 7 P.M.

Boatride committee members will sell amusement and boat tickets in school for two weeks before the day of departure — Thursday, May 28.



Left: Mark Galgano conducts sectional rehearsal; Right: Joe D'Onofrio leads trumpet section.



## Band Tunes Up For Spring Concert; Plans Music To Please All Tastes

Fiery music awaits concert-goers as the Prep Band tunes up for its thirteenth consecutive concert, Friday evening, May 15 at 8:30 P.M. DeGray Auditorium may not equal Carnegie Hall in decor, but the Band's harmony will nonetheless enthrall everyone.

The Rev. Daniel Kramer, C.M., Band moderator, announced that the forty-five man Band will perform pieces designed to please all tastes, from deep classical to modern populars. Band renditions, for instance, will vary from Cesar Franck's expressive "Classical Symphony in D minor", to a sparkling, "Fiesta Calypso."

In the more modern view, the Band instructors, Mr. Martin Millella, and his assistant, Mr. George Greco, have selected the Rodgers-Hammerstein medley, "The King and I", and the popular "Colonel Bogey" from the motion picture, "Bridge on the River Kwai." The Band has promised several other pleasing surprises to the audience.

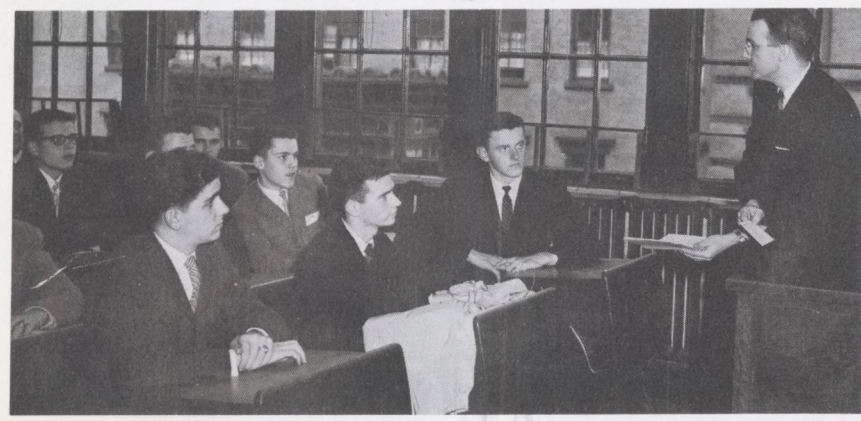
This year's soloists will include Mark Galgano, Band President, on the clarinet, Joseph D'Onofrio on trumpet, and Frank Gentile at piano. D'Onofrio will play a moody "Soliloque for Trumpet"; and Gentile, a virtuosic "Spotlight on Piano" and a "Hungarian Rhapsody" by Franz Liszt.

## Prep Shadows Increases Size; Features Several Innovations

Co-moderators of Prep Shadows, the Rev. John Regan, C.M., and the Rev. William Thomas, C.M., have announced that the yearbook staff will release this year's edition the day before the Boatride, May 27. Students may expect several new innovations in the new issue. The volume is now full, college-sized, boasting 212 pages.

This record size comes about as a result of the largest graduating class in the Prep's history. The staff also announces that the faculty will be arranged according to subjects, not alphabetically as previously. The book's attractive cover will sport black, red, white and gold colors.

A memorial will be devoted to the late John Murray, a junior who fell victim to leukemia during the past summer.



Mr. Prior discusses debate results with a few club members.

## Speechmen Complete Season; Succeed In Three Contests

Right to work laws provided a hot topic for the Prep Speech and Debater Society this past year. Under the direction and guidance of Mr. Robert Prior, moderator of the Society and district president of the Catholic Forensic League, the club has just completed its regular season with three outstanding performances.

The Debate teams compiled many points for the Prep at the Grand Tournament of the Brooklyn-Queens district, March 21, at Brooklyn Prep. In Extempore John Fleming and John Harrington competed for St. John's. Fleming went on to cop first place awards. Results showed that the Prep has scored a major victory by topping Brooklyn Prep by three points, thereby sending Fleming, Harrington, and Terence Conney to the National Tournament at Washington.

On April 11, the debating teams participated in the New York State Qualification Test which took place at both St. John's Prep and at Sacred Heart, Hep-

stead. In this both varsity and novice teams qualified for the State finals at Albany.

The Prep participated in the year's last competition, April 18, the National Forensic League District at St. John's. Out of the original ten man team, four survived to compete in the final round. McGrath and Cooney in original oratory went on to win first and second place awards respectively. McGrath qualified to represent St. John's and N.Y.C. in the National Forensic League National Tournament, in Miami, Florida, from June 23-26.

## Cuttica Serves Day In Albany As State Attorney General

Robert Cuttica, a Prep Senior, has been designated first place winner in the essay contest sponsored by the New York State Department of Law. The prize was an "all expense paid" trip to Albany, April 21, 1959. Upon arrival, he was "sworn in" as Attorney General For-A-Day and held office in the State Capitol. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, where he met officials of the Department of Law:

Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz, in announcing the winners, wrote to Cuttica, commending him as . . . "a credit to your school and to your generation."

In his essay, Cuttica opposed granting voting privileges to 18 year-olds because "voting requires more maturity than most teen-agers can offer."

Although the announcement was carried by most metropolitan newspapers, unfortunately many studiously avoided mentioning the fact that Cuttica is a senior at St. John's Prep. Cuttica was also interviewed on tape by reporters on the WMGM radio station. On his return from Albany, Cuttica wrote a story for the New York World Telegram and Sun on his day as Attorney General.

## Seven Future Frosh Earn Scholarships

Through the cooperative entrance examination, recently adopted by St. John's as the basis of admissions, 4000 grammar school students applied for September admittance. Of these, 1600 aspirants were accepted as eligible for final registration.

Three grammar school graduates earned full scholarships to the Prep. Mortimer O'Shea of St. Benedict Joseph Labre's parish received one of the full, four year scholarships. P. Flanagan, of the Rockville Centre diocese, and John Simon, from Holy Name parish, also received full scholarships.

Four other students received half scholarships. They are: J. Duca of St. Aloysius parish, Thomas Moran, of St. Vincent Ferrer parish, L. Dellasala of St. Bernadette parish, all Brooklyn, and W. Bronner of the Rockville Centre diocese, from Freeport.



Fr. Nelson congratulates Bob Cuttica for his winning essay.





## Across The Desk

## Prep Catholic Action

by Rev. Daniel Donovan, C.M., Moderator of the Speech Club

For years now, the Christopher movement has been advocating the value of an individual. What one person can do in the right places at the right time is almost unbelievable. Many of the younger generation of Catholic men have received the message. Today there are more Catholics than any other denomination in the Congress of the United States. In the field of National politics at least, Catholics are being heard and consequently are in a position to influence our fellow citizens.

The Speech Club here at St. John's has done its part in developing men, able and confident to stand up and speak for their faith, morality, social justice, and all that pertains to the good things in life. We know that all the learning, good marks, the training received here at the Prep will be stifled, hidden, buried and lost forever, IF, the boy possessing these qualities is either unable or afraid to express himself intelligently and convincingly.

Without the ability and facility of expression, no one will listen to him for very long. Without the courage and determination that comes from this practice, experience, and competition involved in the Speech Club, even that ability is forced to suffer and the light that he might otherwise bring into the world is swallowed up in the darkness of his silence.

We do not sit idly by and watch the "children of this world" . . . "become wiser in their generation than the children of light." We need not be intellectually browbeaten into silence by more vocal salesmen of Communism, corruption, and filth. Our men of St. John's Speech Club have the ability, the training, and, thank God, the courage to match and excel anything the enemies of our faith, our country or Christian morality can do.

## Prep O' Prep

by Kive, Bob, Jim, and Jack

With great joy we devote this issue to the upcoming boatride. This topic has been chosen because we haven't the slightest idea on anything else to write. We hope that we don't see too many exuberant faces at pier 82, 12th Avenue and 42nd St. because the boat isn't leaving from there this year. But please, fellas, don't tell the girls from St. Bart's about this! (We want to surprise them!)

As the sixteen hundred Prepsters, seniors with dates, and freshmen with mothers, board the boat, the day will commence.

John Savarese may be seen searching the boat for the girl with the biggest lunchbox. Paul Hamlin and his cohorts will be seen trying to induce the underclassmen into "games of chance".

Chet Wright will be selling "sea sick" pills to the frosh who are apprehensive about this great sea voyage. Says Chet, "Well, I have to get ticket money some way."

Not a few seniors will be tipping the light fantastic on the dance floor. Jim Hennessy will finally have an excuse for being a clumsy dancer by attributing his two left feet to the roll of the boat.

Finally we arrive at Rye. When the shock troops, led by Herr Kuebel, prepare the beach for the landing, the major assault will begin.

Once again the faculty will try to impress the seniors by beating them. It's about time that these "nine old men" realize we are just humoring them!!

Once again, Mike Castellano will go into the "Old Mill" by himself. Gabe Troiano will immediately go to the batting range and impress us with his display of power he kept a secret during the baseball season.

Finally, 5 P.M. comes around and we must depart. Well, the truth is, we won't leave till about 6 P.M. because some mermaids will probably trap John Hoyle in the "Old Mill".

During the ride home, we will find Melkin testing his strength by nonchalantly tossing the piano overboard. While we are on the subject of tossing objects overboard, Goodbye, Ed Beagan!

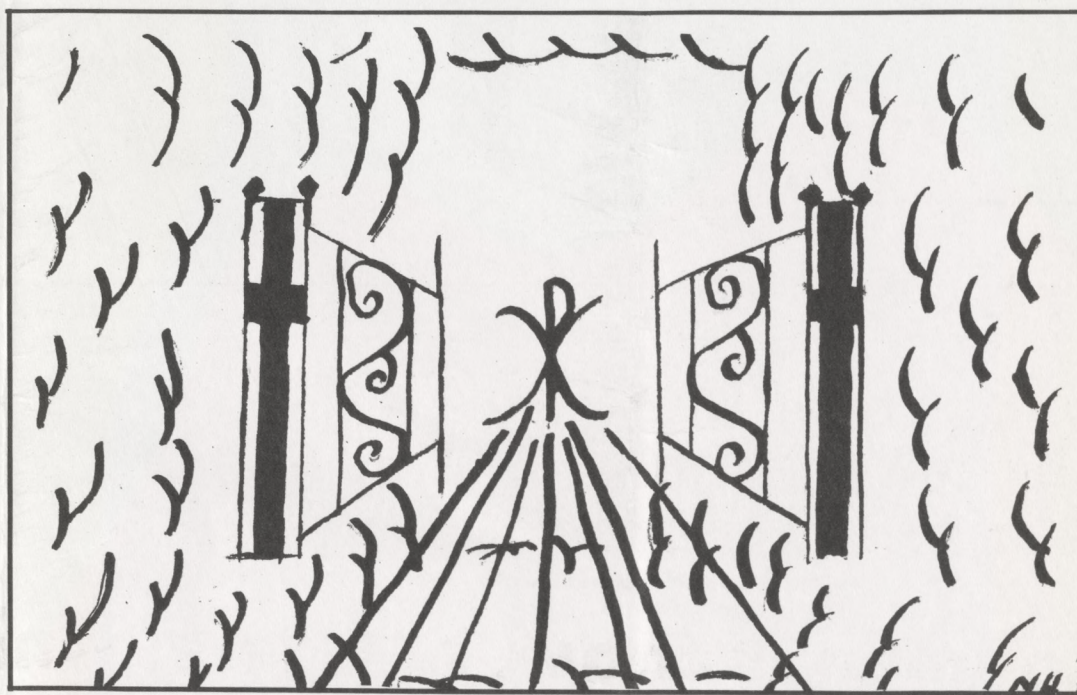
With sunburnt faces, happy memories and empty wallets, we finally get into Battery Park. Peace!

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## Sounding Board:

## The Ascension; The New Life

by Vic Agusta

All the men were joyful as they sat around the long table in the Upper Room of an inn in Jerusalem. Their Master's company had made them joyful since His glorious Resurrection. They spoke about their future anxiously, wondering if and when Jesus would restore the Kingdom of Israel. Many of these men still thought that Christ would set up an earthly kingdom because of the new teachings which proved the Old Law unfulfilled.

These disciples wondered what Christ meant when He said that they would soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Were they not indeed baptized by John? That night they pondered these thoughts and the next morning, a Thursday, they went to a field outside the city to hear Jesus. There, one of them asked Him about the establishment of an earthly kingdom, to which He answered: "It is not for you to know the times or the dates which the Father has fixed by His own authority, but you shall receive your power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be witnesses for Me . . . even to the very ends of the earth."

As Christ said this, a cloud came from heaven and lifted Him up into the sky. He soon left their sight, and they were all astonished.

That night and the ensuing days were days of sorrow and dread for the Apostles and disciples, for they realized that Christ had left the earth forever. Nevertheless, on the tenth day the Holy Spirit came to them as He had promised, and enlightened their minds and strengthened their wills. Now they understood His kingdom was not of this world. They saw hope in his Ascension, knowing that they too would be lifted up into heaven. They saw those last ten days of despair as an example of what would happen to unbelievers. The Ascension made them realize that they would have everlasting happiness when they attained heaven.

The Ascension should be to us as it was to the Apostles and the disciples of Christ—the brighter burning candle in the dark room and the driving force to reach God through a maze of pitfalls. The Ascension is the hope that Christ will lift us up to the peace and joy of heaven as He had lifted Himself.

## "Orators" Dilemma

By John Callahan

There comes a time in the height of his secondary education when the student is approached with the task of composing, memorizing, and delivering an original speech. The assignment, is received with a gape of horror. Five hundred words? Impossible! Abullitions of protest echo throughout the classroom in bitter objection to the unjust burden. At the end of the day, the locker-room resounds with emphatic descriptions of the English teacher who is compared with the most debased creatures in a series of prolonged metaphors.

Weeks later, however, a casual reminder from the teacher spurs him to diligent effort as he begins work on the project. "What should I write about?" Encountering this problem, he assiduously resolves not to let it conquer him; so, he thumbs through his textbooks in search of an idea. Perhaps he should consider a historic biography of Eleanor Roosevelt or give a scientific oration concerning the mating process of the Red Snail. Rejecting these thoughts, he finally comes upon a better subject, one which requires little investigation. He decides to relate on a humorous experience. For the moment he feels very self-satisfied, though he has not yet written a single word.

Then, he breezes through the speech in preparation for the deadline — tomorrow. What does he do next? Does he read it over checking it for mistakes? Never! He wrote it.

Three days later, the assignment, corrected and rated, is returned to the author who is assured of the suspicions which he held since the beginning of the term. The teacher hates him.

Consoling himself with the assumption that 69 per cent is not such a bad mark, the student prepares for the date of the delivery. Given two months to revise and memorize his oration, he wisely begins early, — the evening before the speech is due.

What a miserable evening that is! Feverishly working from four o'clock, the over-burdened prepster has succeeded in changing all his minor grammatical errors into major ones.

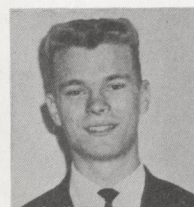
The coo coo bellows that it is six o'clock, but the hateful tyrant, the teacher who has given her son A sympathetic parent, mother resolves to talk to that hateful tyrant, the teacher who has given her son only one night to memorize a speech.

Well after midnight, the speech is finally memorized to his satisfaction. The morning passes too quickly, and hardly realizing it, he finds himself in English class before a jeering pack of wolves. Thankful that there is one person in the room who takes this situation seriously, he gazes at the teacher and delivers his humorous speech. The more he looks at the noble instructor of the language, the more he pictures a cruel orgy with a roll book and a marking pencil, and he hears a voice calling, "Aha, another victim!" The natives are restless! Are they laughing with him or at him? He forgets his lines along with all the rules of enunciation and euphony. His voice cracks! His knees shake. But suddenly it is all over. He asks himself, "Wasn't it all worth it?" And from his heart comes the reply, "HECK NO!"

## Senior Spotlight

by Artie Griffin

Roy Valcich, hailing from St. Sebastian's Parish, Woodside, came to St. John's in February 1956. Since his arrival, Roy has proved to be an accomplished swimmer.



Roy Valcich

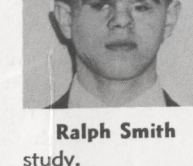
In this senior year, his third year on the swimming team, Roy has become a swift "ace" in his 100 yard freestyle spot. Big Roy (6'4") is also quite a hardwood man. His size is invaluable under the boards. He was also a member of the track team.

Aside from his athletic talents, Roy has also served on the Student Council, Red Owl, and French Club. His main hobby is clothes. Roy is one of the best, if not the best dressed senior.

After graduation Roy will major in business.

Ralph Smith comes to St. John's from Holy Child parish in Richmond Hill. When he came to the Prep, he acquired an enviable reputation.

Ralph commenced his Prep career by joining the Band. Playing the saxophone, he easily rolled up a storm. He has also served his fellow prepsters by participating in the Student Council as class representative.

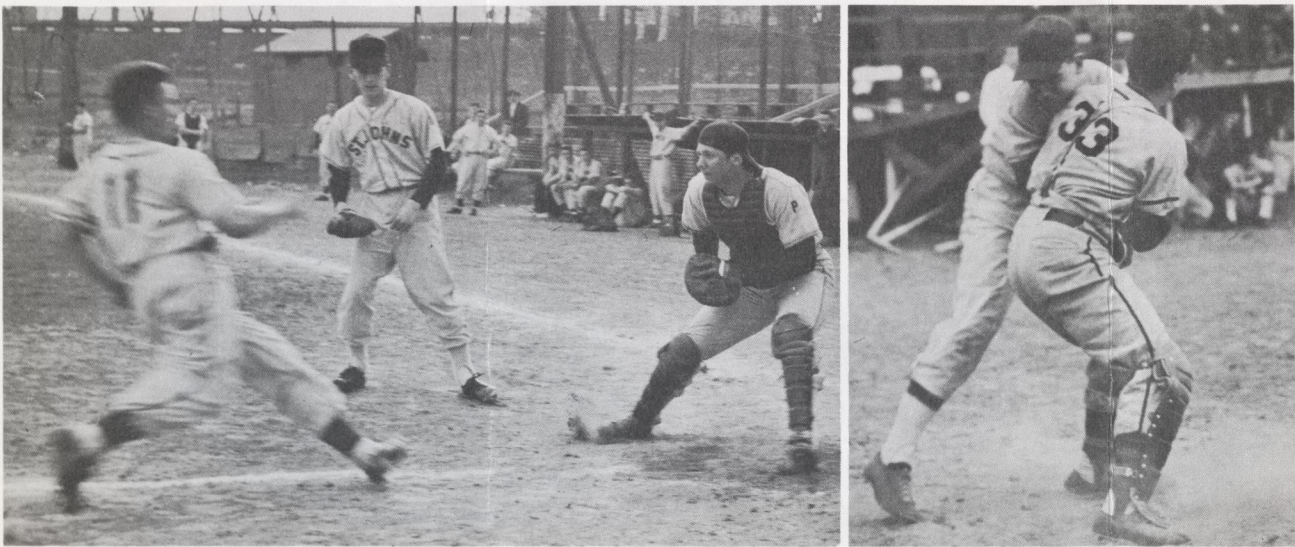


Ralph Smith

Ralph's greatest accomplishment, however, is his consistent attainment of high marks. He only achieved this through a combination of hard work and study.

Ralph is truly the example of the perfect Prepster. Studious, sincere, great personality, Ralph is sure to be a big success.





Left: Redmen stand by as the opposition scores. Right: A scuffle at home plate.

# Redmen Vanquish Tigers, Knights; Bow To Bishop Molloy Stanners 6-2

by Doug Mellett

With the baseball season now in full swing the Injuns will try to end the season by dethroning Archbishop Molloy's defending league champions. Prior to this issue, the Redmen had collected eight scalps while losing their own only once.

After defeating the public schools' best in pre-season exhibitions, the Braves opened up the league schedule against neighboring Trinity Tigers.

Behind the brilliant three hit pitching of Pete Majoy, the Prep pipped the Tigers 4-1, April 15, at New Farmers Oval. Majoy contributed to his own cause by singling in Pat Murdocco, who had previously tripled to knock in Jim Ring. In the fifth, Gabe Troiano picked up two R.B.I.'s with a single to right. Trinity scored its only run in the last inning on a double and two errors.

St. John's traveled to the home of the Molloy Stanners in Jamaica, April 16. The Bishops proved to be poor hosts as they hit starter Jim Benestad for six runs and seven hits. Mike Ferrigno, with a home run, and Paul Buckley, with three R.B.I.'s provided the Stanners with a comfortable lead which ended in a 6-2 score. Out standing for the Prep were Hank Kettlehodt, with two hits in three attempts, and Phil Boudjouk, with a triple and an R.B.I.

The Redmen re-invaded the win column by virtue of a 5-3 conquest of the charging Holy Cross Knights, Friday, April 17, at Memorial Field, Flushing. Jim Ring led the Injun attack with a hard double which drove in two runs. Carmine Martino started for the Prep and pitched four scoreless innings before weakening in the fifth. Buddy Knittle relieved him, pitching scoreless ball the rest of the way. The score would have

been tighter had the Holy Cross fielding been more consistent.

Earlier in the season, April 3, the Prep defeated Msgr. McClancy 7-0, at N.F.O. Bud Knittle, Mike Castellano, and Carmine Martino shared the mound position for the Johnnies in this non-league game.

April 13, at Molloy	
S.J.P.	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 -2 4 3
Molloy	0 0 2 1 0 3 x -6 7 1

April 15, vs. Trinity	
Trinity	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 -1 4 3
S.J.P.	0 2 0 0 2 0 x -4 5 2

April 17, at Holy Cross	
S.J.P.	0 0 2 3 0 0 0 -5 4 1
Holy Cross	0 0 0 0 3 0 0 -3 3 7

## Coach Views:

## Team Work

by Herb Hess

Perhaps one of the most important phases in over-all athletic competition is the element of team work. In games where ball-handling among a group is paramount, such as basketball, hockey, football, etc., team work may often be the difference between winning and losing, regardless of the other elements that might be involved. For example, in basketball where one man decides to take matters in his own hands and 'hogs' the ball for his own personal advantage, his team usually suffers even though this 'big wheel' is a standout by his own achievement. He may benefit, but his team loses. This is bad.

In baseball, too, the issue of team work is ever present altho, perhaps, not as concentrated as in basketball. For instance, there are the pitching signals needed between the pitcher and catcher. All the players should know these, too. They bear an important angle on the actions of the batter. Not knowing these often results in serious miscues afield — no team work. Each player must know his own responsibilities and relate them to those of his teammates. In other words, he must know his own job well and thus not, by the wrong actions, interfere with the duties of his partner. For example, the double play combination around second base must know each other's movements perfectly in order to function around the keystone sack like leaguers. Lack of team work between these two can certainly mess up an important defensive item. The catcher can also be involved in miscues with these men, if they do not understand each other's duties and actions. They are continually keeping each other informed by an exchange of signals. These are only a few of the instances relating to the need of top-notch team work among the players on a baseball team.

On the offensive side in baseball, all the players are continually cognizant of the potential situations that might produce runs with which the game can be won. The sacrifice bunt, the squeeze play, the hit and run, the steal, to name a few, are instances that have to be enacted via signals which have to be known by all involved. If one player misses a sign, the play is spoiled.

Hence, in brief, we hope we have enlightened you to some extent relative to a very significant angle in sports, i.e., team work. It cannot be emphasized too much regardless of the apparent trend of 'rugged individualism' in some athletic contests.



# Harriers Capture 12 Medals, As Valentino, Lewis Triumph

Although hampered by two weeks of bad weather, the Prep track team has still managed to make quite an impressive showing.

In the first meet of the outdoor season, the Catholic High School Relay Carnival at Van Cortland Park on Saturday, April 11, the Johnnies copped 12 medals. The mile relay of Pete Connelie, Jim Brown, Frank Podkrash, and Mike Heckman garnished a 3rd place while the 440 four-some of Tim Ryan, George Lewis, Vinnie Corrado, and Frank Orlando also finished in a close 3rd place for four more bronze medals.

The distance medley team of Kevin Kelly, half mile; Vinnie Melomo, quarter mile; Bill Finn, three-quarter mile; and Joe Lang, one mile rounded out the rainy afternoon with a comparatively slow second place to Loughlin's John Geraghty.

On April 17 and 18, the Queens-Iona College Spring Relay Carnival, the Harriers, with a full week of workouts behind them, managed to come much closer to and even to break one more Prep record. The 440-yard relay combo of the previous week smashed the existing record to set a new mark of 458. Paul Valentino heaved the shot 55' 2" to move into position as the second greatest shotputter in the history of the Prep and perhaps the greatest. Lewis, who ran on the record breaking sprint relay, also led off the mile relay of the previous day to a 3:28.7 clocking and four silver medals. This was the fastest mile relay that Mr. Howell has coached at the Prep. The distance medley foursome of Kelly, Melomo, Finn, and Lang again made a try at the school mark, this time missing by only 1.7 seconds.

These meets are actually preparatory to the Pennsylvania State Relay Carnival and seem to indicate the Johnnies' ability to do well on April 25 and 26.

# Mr. Cunneen Coaches Jay Vee Rain Halts Little Papooses

During the last few weeks, Carey Field was kept busy by the Jay Vee team. Since before the '59 baseball season started, Mr. Joe Cunneen, the coach of the Jay Vee, was getting the team organized and into shape for the season.

## Fr. Hummel Coaches Indian Tennis Team

The Prep tennis team got its season off to a slow start, April 20, by losing to Fordham Prep. The Rev. John Hummel, C.M. is the moderator. In weeks to come the Prep netmen will have to meet such strong opponents as Chaminade, St. Francis, All Hallows and Stepinac.

The veterans of last year, Hank Noguera, Carmen Angisani, Mike Mannix, Bill Haubert, Mike Doyle and Captain, Ed Marzec are all expected to turn in a good performance.

The new netmen, Fleming, Lupi, Hohenstein and Esset are being coached so that they may maintain their varsity positions in the future.

In a match on April 24, the netmen bowed to Xavier, 4-1. Carmen Angrisani scored the only victory in this one sided defeat at the hands of the Kaydets.

The team lost many stars to the Varsity from last year's successful season, such as Buddy Knittel, Joe Cannava, and Rollen Woljin. Bearing up under the losses, the J.V., composed mostly of freshmen, has brought forth a good starting team including Bob Williams at short stop, Larry Ludwig at first base, and John Millheaven at third base.

The outfield, consisting of Kev Peters at left field, John "Tex" Lula at center field, and John Fedder at right field, are all sophomores. Bill Griffio, also a sophomore, fields the backstop position.

The first two losses against Molloy and Trinity were contributed to a lack of practices because of unfavorable weather. However, the team has hope of a successful season against the oncoming opponent.



R. H. E.

April 1, vs. Jackson	
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Jackson	0 3 1 1 0 0 0 -4 5 5

April 3, vs. McClancy	
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S.J.P.	2 1 1 0 3 0 x -7 7 3

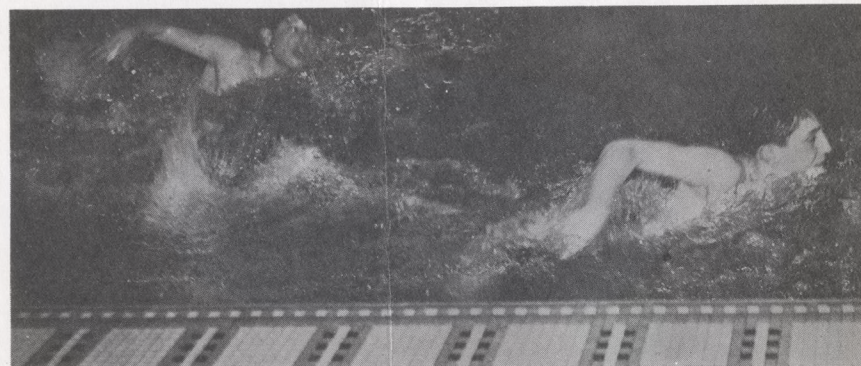
April 7, vs. Bushwick	
Bushwick	0 3 0 0 0 0 0 -3 2 3
S.J.P.	0 1 1 0 4 0 x -6 8 2

April 8, at Madison	
S.J.P.	0 0 0 0 2 1 5 -8 6 4
Madison	2 0 0 0 1 1 0 -4 3 4

April 9, vs. Power	
Power	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 -1 1 5
S.J.P.	0 0 0 1 1 2 x -4 4 0

April 29, at Brooklyn Prep	
Bklyn. Prep	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 -2 8 7
S.J.P.	2 0 0 0 4 0 x -6 4 1

D. M.



# Mr. Waters Heads Intramurals; 2-5 Tops Other Sophomores

The swimming intramurals, initiated last year under the guidance of Mr. Frank Walters, will again provide warm weather entertainment for many preppers. The captains of each official class submitted the entreaties in a meeting after school.

In Junior competition, 3-4 has had a good showing, defeating 3-9, whom they tied in the first meet, and 3-10 in the second clashing.

The sophomore classes were the first to compete, to be followed by the juniors, freshmen, and seniors, in that order. The sophomore meets have completely finished and the junior competition has

already begun, with the junior and senior championships scheduled to be held in the near future.

In sophomore competition, classes 2-5 copped first place over runner up 2-2 in the final meet. The 2-5 team consisted of John Padgursky, Joe Marchese, John Delach, Bob Panzer, John Hinchcliff, Joe Smith, Walter Cooper, John Taurantino, and Don Masterson.



## Students Partake In Novena Mothers Receive Finest Gift

With the coming of Mother's Day, May 10, the students at St. John's are nearing the completion of the annual Mother's Day Novena. With the addition of the large number of freshman, the number of Prepsters making it surpassed 500.

The Mother's Day Novena was inaugurated in 1948. The fact that St. John's Prep is the only school of its kind to conduct this special event, annually, should inspire every Prepster to try, to attend it.

The Novena began in the Prep Chapel April 29, and it will close on May 8. For the convenience of the students, those participating in this function could choose from two alternatives. They could either hear Mass and receive Holy Communion in the Prep chapel, or they could hear Mass and receive Holy Communion in their own parish.

Those who made it in the Prep, entered the chapel to attend the 8:05 Mass. Since there was a large number of students attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion in school, breakfast was served in both the Lewis Ave. and Willoughby Ave. cafeterias.

The Mother of each Prepster who made the Novena will receive a special Mother's Day card from the spiritual counsellor, the Rev. Thomas Concagh, C.M., showing the deep feeling that her son has for her.

Father Concagh and the priests of the Prep are deeply pleased with the results of the Novena.

## Prep Juniors Take National Merit Test

Virtually all members of the junior classes helped to prepare themselves for college by taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, Wednesday, April 28. The test began at 9:00 A.M. and continued for three hours. The regular monthly examinations for juniors, scheduled for that day were postponed.

The test consisted of five divisions: English Usage Test, Mathematics Usage Test, Social Studies Reading Test, Natural Science Reading Test and Word Usage Test.

The test measures the educational growth and aptitude of the partaking students. It also compares the juniors in the Prep with others in high schools throughout the Nation.

Students will receive the results of the test upon their return from summer vacation. At that time they will chart their scores on a Test Worksheet.

## Tursi Qualifies In CYO Semi-Final Contest

The Catholic Youth Organization of the Brooklyn-Queens Diocese, held its semi-final contest at Our Lady of Cenacle Auditorium, Richmond Hill, Sunday, April 26. Here, after several weeks of eliminations, Dominick Tursi, a junior at the Prep, qualified for the grand finals to be held this Friday, May 8, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music at 8 o'clock, P.M.

A former Glee Club member and presently devoting most of his time to the Speech Club, Dom was selected by former Glee Club moderator Mr. Timothy Dobbins, and the Rev. Thomas Concagh, C.M., to compete in the affair.

At the Academy, he will sing "I Believe" and will be judged, with the two other finalists, by Ted Mack in the popular singing division.



## Mr. Anslone Conducts Forum Club During Excursion Of West Point

by Gene Metzger

The members of the Forum Club, under the supervision of Mr. Louis J. Ansalone, moderator of the club, made a recent trip to the United States Military Academy at West Point, Saturday, March 21. The members, a total of about 40, left by chartered bus from the school and spent the entire day.

When the members reached West Point, they met a former prepster, Alan De Jardin, who graduated from the Prep in June, 1957. Alan received the C.Y.O. Football Trophy for the game against Brooklyn Prep in 1956.

As another highlight of the trip the members of the Forum Club had the privilege of watching the Colonel's Inspection of the Cadets. After this they took a tour of the grounds and the various buildings of West Point.

In addition to this the prepsters received some maps depicting the grounds of the Point as a remembrance of the visit. The purpose of this trip was to give the members a bird's eye view of one of the world's best noted and praised institutions. On a later date during one of the club's meetings, this trip will be given special notification by a general discussion, emphasizing the point that West Point produced some of the greatest military masterminds ever since its existence.

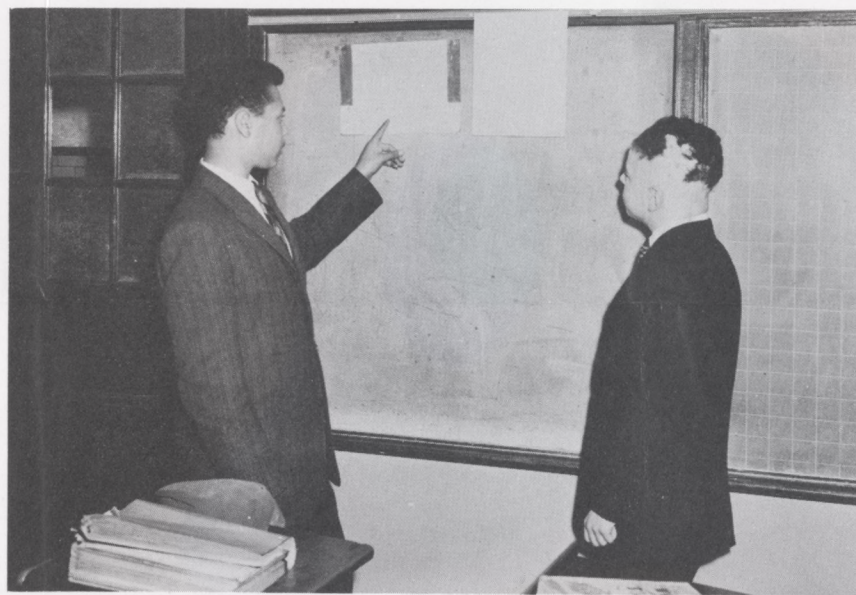
Mr. Ansalone, in the near future, hopes to conduct a trip for the members of the club to the nation's capital, Washington, D. C., in order to understand better the functions of the Government of the United States of America. While at the capital, the members hope to tour some of the federal landmarks and national monuments.

## 1-17 Inquires Into Various Professions

In co-operation with course of study, Mr. Robert Fountaine's Guidance Class 1-17 has done very well in preparing their profession projects. The purpose of these projects is to better inform the students of the requirements necessary for the occupation which interests him.

Mr. Fountaine had each student choose a profession. Then the students sent letters to different colleges requesting catalogues and asking requirements for the courses which are to be majored in for these professions. They also consulted many associations and societies affiliated with these occupations, which were able to provide information in the various fields into which these professions might enter.

Some of those students who have succeeded in getting a good deal of information for their field are: Robert Galaskas interested in the design of missiles, Michael Vlacanich interested in math and Edward Nalpent interested in becoming a doctor.



## Soph English Classes Report On Shakespearian Traditions

Sophomore English students, under the guidance of Mr. Charles Clayton, have undertaken a project on Shakespearean literature. The projects, assigned to the individual students, have the purpose of enriching the appreciation and increasing the understanding of the plays and the genius of Shakespeare. The students chose from many topics.

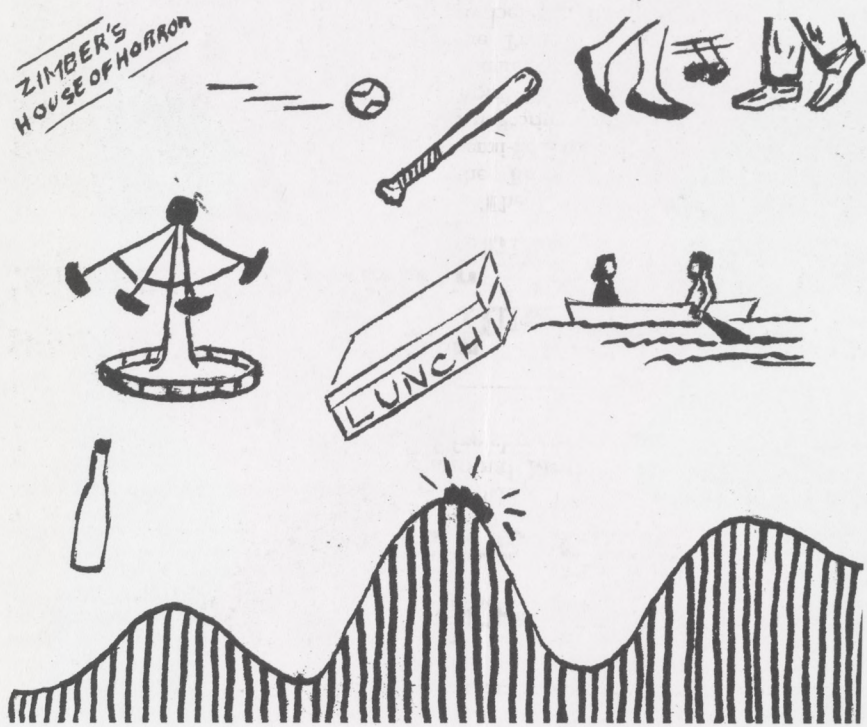
Among the typical assignments chosen, the construction of a model theatrical stage depicted the Elizabethan literary era. Continuing along the lines of contemporary staging, other students selected projects concerning the costuming employed in the theatrical productions. Still other students elected to elaborate on the play "Julius Caesar".

Various fields on which reports came in included the technical processes involved in staging the play. The reports covered the actual players, the methods used to present the play, the production sources, the size and status of typical Shakespearean theaters, and a general comparison of modern day presentations to medieval presentations.

To enable the students to learn the limits of the production of plays in the Shakespearean era and to teach them to appreciate the plays in the light of those productions is the final phase of the project.

As a result of these projects, the students have covered the overall picture of Shakespearean productions, in all of their phases. Mr. Clayton praised those students who participated in this exercise for their important scholastic contributions.

## Boat Ride In Rye



## Clubs 2:60

by John Devlin

A comparatively new club in the Prep, the St. John's Crusaders Club has been working very feverishly since its renewed foundation by the Rev. Thomas Concagh, C.M. in the September of 1958. The purpose of the Crusader Club is to help the missions and their congregations in both a spiritual and in a material sense. One of the primary major tasks of the club is to bring together and distribute the weekly collections taken up in all homeroom classes of the Prep.

Acting in an aggressive manner, the Crusaders have found many new ways in which to help the missions and, at the present, in its second year under the guidance and moderation of the Rev. John Pearce, C.M., it has progressed in all its fields and has made many new missionary friends. Many times the club has received letters from grateful missionary priests expressing their thanks to the generous students of St. John's Prep.

One of the more recent projects of the Crusader Club is the book and holy articles store located in the Guidance Office of the Lewis Ave. Building.

In their spiritual help for the missions the Crusaders go to Mass and Holy Communion at least once a week in the Prep Chapel to offer up their prayers and petitions for the missions.

The club itself meets weekly on Monday in room 201 where a new project, the study of Communism is taken up. The club holds a special meeting on Thursday at which time the members total up the homeroom collection and then send it off to the deserving mission lands.

Fr. Pearce urges all students to support the Crusaders with their prayers and the support of the missionaries' needs.